

4th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Occasional day – no school for staff or pupils on Tuesday 3rd May 2022

As you may be aware, in the May half term 2022, the whole country has been granted an additional bank holiday for the Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee. This falls within a school holiday so staff and pupils do not benefit from the additional day. As a result, the Department for Education has given schools an additional non-teaching day in the academic year 2021/22. Ealing council has put this additional 'day off' as Wednesday 27th July 2022 so schools in England will open for 189 teaching days this academic year, not the standard 190 days.

West Acton had already allocated one of our occasional days. Therefore, we need to reallocate an occasional day, to give all staff and pupils a day off at some point during the school year, in lieu of the bank holiday.

Therefore, West Acton has put an occasional day on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. On 3rd May 2022, there will be no school for staff and pupils.

This day follows the already scheduled national Monday May bank holiday and for many in our community, it will be Eid-Al-Fitr. Therefore, families celebrating Eid can enjoy no school that day (and not having to apply for a day off for religious observation).

All pupils will be expected back at school on Wednesday 4th May – especially as Year 6 SATS test start the following Monday and Year 2 SATS tests will happen in May. A few weeks later, Year 1 will be sitting their Phonics screening tests and Year 4 will be doing their Multiplication Check test so it is crucial that all pupils enjoy the additional day off on Tuesday 3rd May but then come back to school focused for learning the very next day.

This change has only just been agreed by the DfE and Ealing Council, hence West Acton having to reissue new term dates at this later stage. We have endeavoured to give you as much notice as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo
Head teacher